

Amendments to the Claims

Please add new Claims 50-57 to read as follows. Note that all the claims currently pending in this application have been reproduced below.

Claims 1-46 (cancelled)

47. (Previously presented) An ink jet printing apparatus using a printing head, which can perform large ejection in which relatively large amounts of ink are ejected and small ejection in which relatively small amounts of ink are ejected, to perform printing, said apparatus comprising:

means for selecting one printing mode from a first mode in which the printing head is caused to perform only the large ejection, a second printing mode in which the printing head is caused to perform only the small ejection, and a third printing mode in which the printing head is caused to perform both the large ejection and the small ejection, to perform printing in the selected printing mode.

48. (Previously presented) An ink jet printing apparatus as claimed in claim 47, wherein the printing head has a plurality of ejection openings, and the ejection opening used for the large ejection and the ejection opening used for the small ejection differ from each other.

49. (Previously presented) An ink jet printing method using a printing head, which can perform large ejection in which relatively large amounts of ink are ejected and small ejection in which relatively small amounts of ink are ejected, to perform printing, said method comprising the step of:

selecting one printing mode from a first mode in which the printing head is caused to perform only the large ejection, a second printing mode in which the printing head is caused to perform only the small ejection, and a third printing mode in which the printing head is caused to perform both the large ejection and the small ejection, to perform printing in the selected printing mode.

50. (New) An ink jet printing method as claimed in claim 49, wherein in said selecting step, one printing mode is selected for every one printing medium.

51. (New) An ink jet printing method as claimed in claim 49, wherein in said selecting step, the one printing mode is selected according to a setting of a resolution.

52. (New) An ink jet printing apparatus as claimed in claim 47, wherein said selecting means selects one printing mode for every one printing medium.

53. (New) An ink jet printing apparatus as claimed in claim 47, wherein said selecting means selects the one printing mode according to a setting of a resolution.

54. (New) An ink jet printing apparatus using a printing head, which can perform large ejection in which relatively large amounts of ink are ejected and small ejection in which relatively small amounts of ink are ejected, to perform printing, said apparatus comprising:

means for controlling changing of a printing mode from among a first mode in which the printing head performs only the large ejection, a second mode in which the printing head performs only the small ejection, and a third mode in which the printing head performs both the large ejection and the small ejection.

55. (New) An ink jet printing apparatus as claimed in claim 54, wherein said control means controls changing of the printing mode for every one printing medium.

56. (New) An ink jet printing apparatus as claimed in claim 54, wherein said control means controls changing of the printing mode according to a setting of a resolution.

57. (New) An ink jet printing method using a printing head, which can perform large ejection in which relatively large amounts of ink are ejected and small ejection in which relatively small amounts of ink are ejected, to perform printing, said method comprising the step of:

controlling changing of a printing mode from among a first mode in which the printing head performs only the large ejection, a second mode in which the printing

head performs only the small ejection, and a third mode in which the printing head performs both the large ejection and the small ejection.